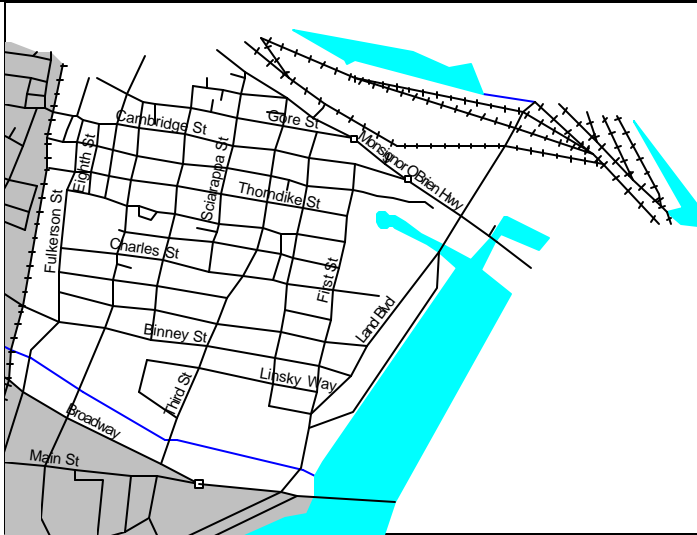
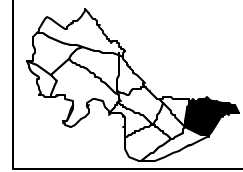


# NEIGHBORHOOD 1

## EAST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,783 residents  
2,726 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$30,281

Neighborhood #1 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

### 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

Two of the six target crimes increased dramatically in East Cambridge during the first quarter of 2001. When comparing the first three months of 2000 with those 2001, the number of **housebreaks** (+100%) doubled from seven to fourteen. No arrests were made in this sporadic sprinkling of unrelated daytime breaks that were concentrated between Fifth and Eighth Streets. In the majority of these incidents, entry was gained by forcing apartment front doors. Cash and jewelry were the predominant targets of the thieves. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** shot up 150 % with weekday afternoon thefts from cars on lower Third, Binney, and Hurley identified as hot spot clusters. • There were two **street robberies** (-40%) during January and another in March in Neighborhood #1. Two females strong - armed a juvenile on Cambridge Street and a pack robbery on the outskirts of the Galleria occurred during the first month of the year. A tourist was relieved of his laptop near the Sonesta in late March. Weapons were not shown in any of these crimes. • **Malicious destruction** (+47%) remains a persistent problem in East Cambridge. A variety of vandalism types were scattered throughout the area in each of the first three months of the year. Graffiti marred businesses in the 300 block of Cambridge Street, car windows smashed and tires slashed on Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Street, and neighborhood spat escalating to rocks through living room windows all were part of this crime type's tapestry during the first quarter of the year.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS

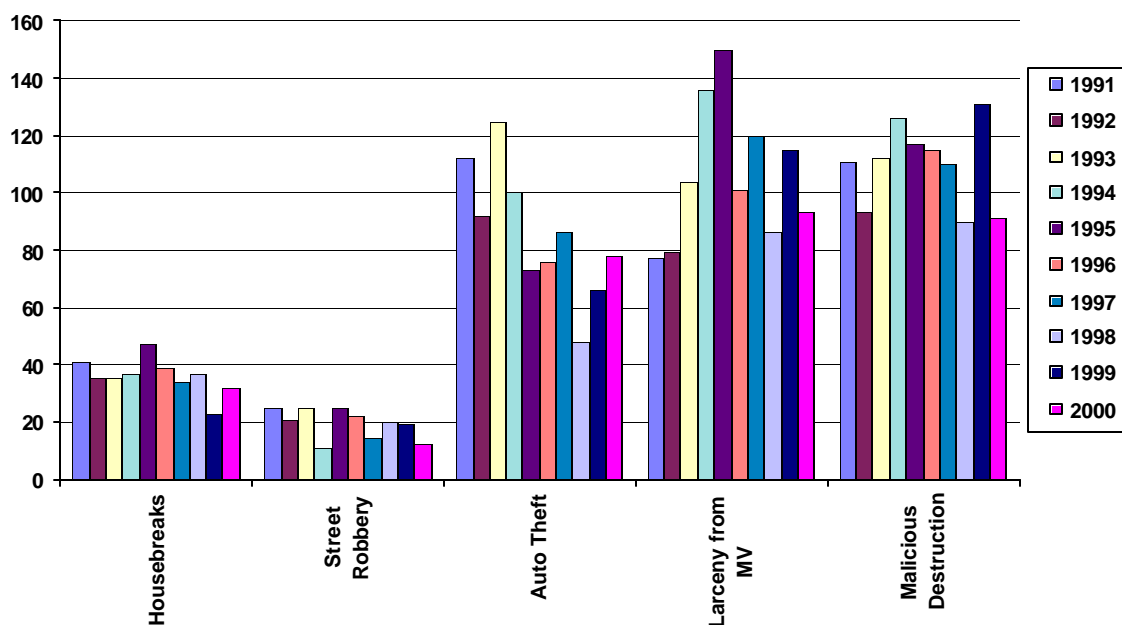
#### FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	1st Q 2000	1st Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	7	14	+100%
Street Robbery	5	3	-40%
Auto Theft	17	10	-41%
Larceny from MVs	6	15	+150%
Malicious Destruction	17	26	+47%
Drug Arrests	3	0	<i>Inc.</i>

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest numbers here, of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	7
Street Robbery	10	11	20	4	6
Auto Theft	156	2	85	1	2
Larceny from MVs	121	5	107	1	2
Malicious Destruction	118	5	114	1	4

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest